

Conference Call: Arkansas Environmental Justice (EJ) Update

Date: Tuesday, August 15, 2017

Time: 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. (Central Daylight Time)

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Call Agenda:

1. Arkansas Environmental Justice Collaborative Action Plan
 - a. Next request for updates planned for October 2017
 - b. End of plan's two-year cycle is December 2017
 - c. Revised action plan will be for January 2018-December 2019
2. NEPA and EJ Screen Update – 2017 Version
3. Environmental Justice Grants
 - a. FY2017 EJ Small Grants scheduled to be announced in September 2017
 - b. FY2018 EJ Collaborative Problem-Solving request for proposals scheduled for November 2017
4. FY2017 Region 6 EJ Report
5. Additional Items of Interest
 - a. Community-Based Air Monitoring: Webinar, August 24, 2017, from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time,
<https://nih.webex.com/nih/onstage/g.php?MTID=e60c698c12471539bb7104fca9a7a2667>
 - b. EPA Region 7 Grant Writing and Capacity Building Workshop (Brownfields and EJ - free): Kansas City Missouri, August 29-31, 2017,
<https://www.ksutab.org/education/workshops/details?id=273>
 - c. EPA Region 6 Stormwater Conference (Urban Waters, Green Infrastructure, and Resilient Communities): San Antonio, Texas, September 17-21, 2017,
<http://tamuk-isee.com/epa2017conference/>
 - d. National Brownfields Training Conference (Land reuse and redevelopment - free): Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, December 5-7, 2017, www.brownfields2017.org
6. Next Call – November 14, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

Talking Points

Welcome everyone to the quarterly Environmental Justice Update call for Arkansas. I'm Tressa Tillman, the EJ Community Liaison for Arkansas. Roll Call.

Call Agenda:

1. Arkansas Environmental Justice Collaborative Action Plan
 - a. Next request for updates planned for October 2017, with projections for the remainder of the year, making it the final update to the plan. The end of plan's two-year cycle is December 2017. When we drafted the plan, we said that we would review and revise it at the end of the two-year period. And that's where we are now. The revised action plan will be for January 2018-December 2019.
 - b. The following items will be closed out: Clean Power Plan, Cross-State Air Pollution Rule, and Clean Water Rule. Also, Focus Area 4 will be revised to reflect the completion of the Making a Visible Difference initiative.
 - c. Please feel free to send me any inputs for the new plan. Are there any projects and initiatives that you as non-profits would like to work together on? Once we have a solid draft, we will share it with you for your comments.
2. NEPA and EJ Screen Update – 2017 Version
 - a. Next, Ms. Agatha Benjamin from our office will give a brief update on National Environmental Policy Act and EJ Screen items.
3. Environmental Justice Grants
 - a. We have notified all of our applicants regarding the status of their 2017 EJ Small Grants applications. Our project officers are working with the selected applicants to finalize their applications and complete the required funding packages for award. We are targeting August 31st to have all of the grants awarded, with EPA Headquarters officially announcing the selections with a national press release in early/mid-September.
 - b. EPA still plans to offer the 2018 EJCPS opportunity and is targeting a release of the RFP in November. However, please note that these plans are dependent on budget considerations and are subject to change. We will do our best to keep everyone updated via our website and the EJ Listserv.
4. FY2017 Region 6 EJ Report – We are working on the next Region 6 EJ Report and expect to be able to share it with everyone in the next month or so.
5. Additional Items of Interest
 - a. An information session and public hearing on revisions to the Arkansas Regional Haze Plan is scheduled for next Wednesday, August 23, 2017, Arkansas Public Service Commission building, Little Rock, AR
 - b. There will be a Community-Based Air Monitoring: Webinar, August 24, 2017, from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time, link provided
 - c. EPA Region 7 is hosting a free Grant Writing and Capacity Building Workshop (Brownfields and EJ) in Kansas City, MO, August 29-31, 2017, link provided
 - d. The Region 6 Stormwater Conference will be in San Antonio, Texas, on September 17-21, 2017, share with anyone interested, link provided
 - e. National Brownfields Conference will be held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, December 5-7, 2017, for those interested redeveloping sites in their community
6. Next Call – November 14, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. Please feel free to send me any discussion items for the agenda. Thanks to everyone for joining us for today's call. Bye-bye!